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 Image of Leper sign Entrance to Leper Colony
 Image of Thompson at desk --Dad in office ay Leper Colony 1955
 Image of Truck Arrival of X-ray, tables, power plant etc. From North American Christian Chiropractors
 Image of "Mom and Dad on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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CHRONOLOGY

1914: Robert Norman Thompson is born in Duluth, Minnesota (Page, 1997)

1948 (Nov): ICA's *International Review of Chiropractic* [3(5)] notes:

-“Overseas Visitor” (p. 15):

Dr. Robert N. Thompson, P.S.C. '39 was a recent visitor to the **Palmer School** and I.C.A. offices. Dr. Thompson and his family are at present stationed in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he is Director of Provincial Education, Ministry of Education, Imperial Ethiopian Government. Dr. Thompson is a member of the Sudan interior Mission on loan to the Ethiopian Government. He is currently in the United States on a special mission for Emperor Haile Selassie, and will return to Ethiopia via Paris where he will attend the United Nations Security conference late in October.

Dr. Thompson enrolled in the Palmer School from Innisfail, Alberta, Canada. During the early years of the war he was a member of the R.C.A.F.

Dr. Thompson will welcome inquiries concerning the practice of Chiropractic in Ethiopia. He may be reached at Box 127, Addis Ababa.

1952 (July): *ICA International Review* [7(1)] includes:

-Dr. Thompson speaks to Y's men” (p. 16):

Dr. Robert M. Thompson, Innisfail, Alberta, recently arrived from Ethiopia, was one of the speakers at the Convention of the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs at Banff, Alberta, Canada, Tuesday, June 17. The subject of his talk was “Ethiopia.”

Dr. Thompson was introduced by Hugh E. Chance, I.C.A. General Counsel, past International President of the Y's Men.

The Y's Men's Club is the service group of the Y.M.C.A. with clubs in 29 countries of the world.

1953 (Oct): *ICA Review* [8(4)] includes:

-“Operation Ethiopia” (p. 28); includes photo

1954 (Mar): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [8(9)] includes:

-“Dr. Thompson works on lepers” (p. 18)

1954 (Apr): *ICA Review* [8(10)] includes:

-Lyle Sherman, D.C., Ph.C. authors “Chiropractic missionaries” (pp. 10, 42, 44) re: Drs. Robert & Hazel Thompson; includes **photos** of both

1954 (June): *ICA Review* [8(12)] includes:

- Lyle Sherman, D.C., Ph.C. authors “Operation Ethiopia” (pp. 8, 31)

1954 (July): *ICA Review* [9(1)] includes:

-“Contributors to ‘Robert Thompson’ fund” (pp. 7, 31)

-Lyle Sherman, D.C., Ph.C. authors “Dr. Thompson's letter” (p. 11); discusses need for chiro-equipment at Ethiopian leprosarium

1954 (Aug): *ICA Review* [9(2)] includes:

-Lyle Sherman, D.C., Ph.C. authors “Dr. Thompson's letter” (p. 11)

1954 (Sept): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [9(3)] includes:

-R.N. Thompson, D.C., Superintendent of Southern Leper Colony, Ethiopia, authors “Report on leprosy (Hansen's disease)” (pp. 8-9, 31-2); includes many photos of lepers

1954 (Oct): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [9(4)] includes:

-Lyle W. Sherman, D.C. authors "Report to the profession on the Thompson project" (pp. 10, 39)

1954 (Nov): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [9(5)] includes:
 -"Report from Ethiopia Southern Leper Colony" (p. 7)

1955 (Jan): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [9(7)] includes:
 -Lyle Sherman, D.C., Ph.C. authors "Chiropractic equipment reaches Ethiopia" (p. 11)

1955 (Apr): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [9(10)] includes:
 -R.N. Thompson, D.C. & H.N. Thompson, D.C. author "Report from Ethiopia: The first I a series of reports by two chiropractors working with lepers in Southern Ethiopia" (pp. 14, 45); includes: FUND TO \$4,923.43

Dr. Lyle Sherman of Davenport, Iowa, who is receiving contributions to the Robert Thompson Fund, issued this statement about "Operation Ethiopia":

"It is most singular that the chiropractic profession has so generously responded to an appeal of this sort. It illustrates that the profession is genuinely interested in rendering a true public service that transcends selfish interests.

"This is something in which the chiropractic profession has done entirely by itself. It belies any charges that we are merely looking after our own selfish interests. And we may be justly proud of our accomplishments."

Dr. Sherman, reporting that the Robert Thompson fund has reached \$4,923.43, said that the Ethiopian project must have continued financial support – the minimum need is for \$100 a month for supplies needed to continue this research program.

1955 (Sept): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [10(3)] includes:
 -"Two letters from Ethiopia" (pp. 10-11, 28)

1956 (Sept): *ICA International Review* [11(3)] includes:
 -cover photograph:



"ETHIOPIAN D.C. - Dr. Robert N. Thompson, chiropractic missionary at the Southern Leper Colony near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, holds a technique class with native Ethiopians whom he has been training. This is but one phase of the work being carried out by Dr. Thompson and his wife in 'Operation Ethiopia' (see article on page 6)."

-"Progress in Ethiopia: Latest report by Drs. Robert and Hazel Thompson from 'Operation Ethiopia' shows student

chiropractors ready; conditions crowded; lepers healed" (pp. 6-7); many **photos**

1957 (Feb): *ICA International Review* [11(8)] includes:
 -cover photograph:



"SENIOR ASSISTANT – Beyenne, one of two assistants being trained by Dr. Robert N. Thompson in Ethiopia, is ready to begin his formal chiropractic training (see page 6)

-Glenn M. Hultgren, D.C., president of the Christian Chiropractors Association, authors "Trained chiropractors for Africa" (pp. 6-7)

1957 (Apr): *ICA International Review* [11(10)] includes:
 -Glenn M. Hultgren, D.C., president of Christian Chiropractors Association, authors letter to the editor (p. 48):

MORE FUND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Bismarck, North Dakota

Just finished reading my copy of the February, 1957, "Review" and I want to express my thanks to you for the story you carried on the Dr. R.N. Thompson project. Your cooperation and help in our work has been most gratifying and we can't thank you enough for what you have already done for us, but we trust we can count on you for your continued support.

Would appreciate acknowledgement in the "Review" of receipt of donations from the following: Dr. Nelle Larson, Los Angeles, California; Dr. H.A. Graber, Davenport, Iowa; Dr. G.E. Brown, Logansport, Indiana; Miss Irma L. Walker, San Angelo, Texas; Dr. Roy Koffel, Logansport, Indiana.

Thanks so much.

Yours for Christian service to the profession,...

1957 (June): *ICA International Review* [11(12)] includes:
 -"Letters" (p. 30) include:

FUND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Bixmarck, North Dakota

Here are a few more names for you to add to those you already have who have donated to the "Thompson Fund" and the "Ethiopian Student Fund."

Dr. B.S. Carswell, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Nelle Larson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. Hazel Larson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. John Grantham, Yazoo City, Miss.; Dr. E.J. McGinnis, Sumter, S.C.; Mr. V.W. Lidell, Shreveport, La.; Dr. Lloyd Pond, Farmington, N. Mex.

Drs. Kribs & Kribs, Flint, Mich.; Mrs. Amelia Ehlert, Ridgeland, Wis.; Drs. Poehard & Glaeser, Nanticoke, Penn; Dr. L.S. Frondal, Eau Claire, Wis.; Dr. Warren Sussin, Rhinebeck, N.Y.; Dr. P.A.

Clark, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Dr. C.O. Tanner, Mansfield, Ohio; Dr. George Goode, New Westminster, B.C.

Yours for Christian service to the profession.

Sincerely,
Glenn M. Hultgren, D.C.

President of the Christian Chiropractors' Association
GOOD WORK IN ETHIOPIA

Farmington, New Mexico

Just a note of appreciation for your part, and articles about the Thompsons in Ethiopia. I think their Christian chiropractic work is most wonderful and everyone should know about it and help it. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Lloyd C. Pond, D.C.

1957 (Aug): **ICA International Review** [12(2)] includes:

-“Letters: Acknowledgements” (p. 31):

Bismarck, North Dakota

We would appreciate acknowledgement in the “Review” of receipt of donations from the following to the “Thompson Fund,” and the “Ethiopian Student Fund”:

Dr. L.S. Frondal, Eau Claire, Wis.

Mrs. H.C. Scholl, Sr., Washburn, N.D.

Dr. J.J. Harman, Biloxi, Miss.

Miss Hazel Mudgett, Davenport, Iowa.

Dr. James Kubis (deceased), Burlington, Iowa.

Dr. George Goode, New Westminster, B.C.

Rev. Gordon Sandau, Mandan, N.D.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship of the P.S.C., Davenport, Iowa.

Dr. M.W. Groskopp, Clear Lake, Wis.

Dr. Mannis Smith, Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. B.S. Carswell, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Brynes Fleuty, Edmonton, Alberta.

Miss Irma L. Walker, San Angelo, Texas.

Mr. V.W. Lidell, Shreveport, La.

Dr. H.A. Graber, Moline, Ill.

Dr. E.F. Lutz, Lima, Ohio.

Drs. Poehard & Glaeser, Nanticoke, Pa.

Drs. Clyde & Honor Bearden, Russelville, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Phillips, Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. James Kubis, Burlington, Iowa.

Dr. Lloyd C. Pond, Farmington, La.

Dr. P.A. Clark, Corpus Christi, Tex.

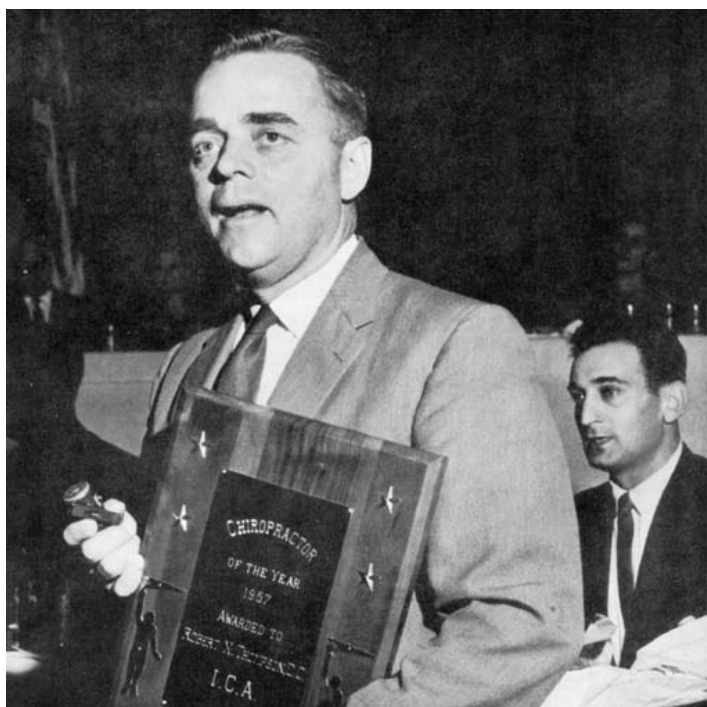
Thank you for your cooperation in the past and also a special thanks to all those who have so generously given to this noble project.

Sincerely,

Glenn M. Hultgren, D.C., President
Christian Chiropractors Association

1957 (Oct): **ICA International Review** [12(4)] includes:

-“Convention Picture Section” (center pages, unnumbered); includes many photographs, including:



“CHIROPRACTOR OF THE YEAR – Dr. Robert N. Thompson, pioneer chiropractic missionary and Superintendent of the Southern Leper Colony in Ethiopia, addresses the ICA banquet following presentation of ICA’s top award. Seated behind Dr. Thompson is Reginald Gold, Past Chairman of the Student Advisory Board, who made the presentation on behalf of the Fellows of the International Chiropractors Association.”



“QUILL CLUB AWARDS – For contributions to the field of chiropractic journalism, Drs. Samuel Keiser, Jr., and Glenn M. Hultgren receive membership certificates in the Quill Club.”

1957 (Oct/Nov): **Canadian Chiropractic Journal** [1(4)] includes:

-cover photo of Robert N. Thompson DC, MP

-R.N. Thompson DC authors “A story to tell to the nations” (pp. 11-2):

During the past generation the people of North America have been increasingly aware of the fact that we are part of one world. Modern communications and transportation has shortened months into days. Breakfast in New York, lunch in London and supper in New York again has become a proven fact as still new developments condense days into hours with the end still not in sight. To-day’s far away places and peoples have, through TV, the Press and Tourist travel, become more familiar than ones own neighbors and neighborhood a generation ago.

Such diminishing dimensions have thrown the people of the word and their Nations ever closer together. Port Said, Addis Abada, Delhi, Rangoon, Singapore and Manila are as familiar to the ears of

American schoolchildren as are San Francisco, Chicago, Washington and New York are to the ears of schoolchildren in Africa, India or the Far East. Truly the vastness of the world and its peoples is fast shrinking. Europe became aware of America and the East only because of her adventurers and business men. Missionaries followed close behind with the Christian gospel as Christians became aware of the spiritual needs of the less fortunate in the world. Africa, the dark continent had its doors opened through the vision and passion of Missionary pioneers.

Famines and Wars of recent years have drawn the attention of nations and their governments to their responsibilities to the hungry, the suffering and underprivileged of the World. The appeal of these unfortunates has been so great that the consciences of whole nations have been awakened, especially in the United States. National giving on a scale unprecedented in the history of people or nations, has poured forth from the shores of North America and still continues. Billions of dollars has been injected into the veins of the world's economy to strengthen the diet, the health, the education, the public utilities, the agricultural and industrial production of the underprivileged and unfortunates of most free nations. Even on the Spiritual realm, Missionary enterprise has gone forward as never before, although it represents only a minute fraction of social and government giving. To-day more than 30,000 Protestant Missionaries are at work in most of the distant corners of the earth apart from those under the heavy hand of Communistic governments.

Yet in all this philanthropic and Christian zeal there exists a strange situation – one which does not add up to reason. It is simply that the blessing of Chiropractic has never been included, except for a small beginning in the ancient kingdom of Haile Selassie. Some sixty years ago God revealed to D.D. Palmer the hitherto unknown fact that pressure, twisting or stretching a nerve interfered with the normal flow of nerve energy, resulting in diminished function of the part of the body supplied by that particular nerve. He understood for the first time that nerve trunks as they emitted from the spinal column were especially subject to tensions, stretching and pressure as was even the spinal cord itself. He saw sick people, incurable by other healing means, suddenly respond and get well. The truth dawned that if he could release the nerve fibres and trunks directly related to the abnormal pathology that disease disappeared. Thus the deaf heard and the lame walked as diseased tissue returned to normal through the working of the innate healing powers within the body.

With this mental awakening there came a vision, which when put to work, became the passion of his life. Picked up by his son, B.J. Palmer and later by many others, especially those who had been healed from so called incurable diseases, there developed a hard core of health pioneers, whose names are gradually being carved on the annals of Science. Their vision saw suffering humanity relieved of much of their illness – there had come to being a new and better way, in agreement with the natural laws of body function which would lead to health never before understood or realized. Thus was the Chiropractic profession born. At first it grew slowly but later by leaps and bounds, in spite of a road made difficult by those who through prejudice, ignorance or selfish motives tried to block the progress of something which according to God's Divine plan was to be a blessing to countless multitudes of this generation and to those yet to come.

In the enthusiasm of early progress in this Science and Art of things natural a strange situation has developed. The people of North America, of Europe and of people elsewhere of European descent heard of and received the blessings of Chiropractic. Crude methods of practice developed into specific and scientific professional routine as God gave added enlightenment and wisdom through the minds who followed in the wake of the early pioneer, but it did not carry to the underdeveloped or under privileged peoples of the world. The vision and the passion of B.J. Palmer died out at the perimeter of western culture and thus none of the great social or missionary programs carried the blessings of health that they should have. Organized opposition on the Medical side, often edged on by selfish,

financially minded drug industries, and aided by prejudice and ignorance on the part of educated man formed a barrier which though formidable should have been overridden by the passion and vision of those who knew better. "Where there is no vision the people perish," and so almost did Chiropractic International perish.

In the year 1943, in a miraculous manner, the first two Chiropractic Missionaries left for foreign fields. Several hundred Chiropractors and Chiropractic laymen at home caught the vision and have been richly blessed in helping to make this project enterprise a success. In continuing miraculous ways the work of these pioneers has come to the attention of such global enterprises as the World Health Organization headquartered at Geneva. Even Ambassadors and Kings of the outer areas have experienced the blessing of "healing, dedicated hands." Yet it is just a beginning toward giving all nations the blessing of health which God intended that they should have.

Truly it is a STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS. What need? What responsibility? What privilege? To this end is this page dedicated. May it help carry Chiropractic to the people of the world. It is our responsibility and our privilege to share with others less fortunate than ourselves the blessing so showered upon us.

-Colin A. Greenshields DC of St. Catharines, Ontario authors "1957 Lyceum Highlights" (pp. 20-2); PSC program included B.J. Himes, Marcus Bach, Ph.D., Ralph Evans, Vinton Logan, Crowder, Remier, Thompson, Claire O'Dell DC, Robert N. Thompson DC (who receives "Chiropractor of the Year award from the ICA for his work as a missionary in Ethiopia. He is the first Chiropractic missionary and is now in sole charge of a leper colony"), Hugh Chance, Marsh Morrison, J. Clay Thompson DC

1957 (Nov): *ICA International Review* [12(5)] includes:
-cover photograph of Ethiopian students:



-"Ethiopians enroll at Palmer School" (p. 24):

Davenport, Iowa (ACP) – Two Ethiopians are among the 160 students enrolled in the October freshman class at the Palmer School of Chiropractic.

The Ethiopians are the first of their race to attend a chiropractic college but they are not strangers to the philosophy, science and art of chiropractic, because they are protégés of Dr. Robert N. Thompson, D.C., superintendent for the Southern Leper Colony in Ethiopia.

Dr. Thompson last month was named "Chiropractor of the Year" at the ICA convention in Davenport. The two Ethiopians will return to their native land on graduation to help operate the leprosarium, under the sponsorship of the Ethiopian government and American missionary societies.

1958 (Aug): *ICA International Review of Chiropractic* [13(2)] includes:

-“U.S. leper magazine praises Dr. Thompson’s Ethiopia work” (p. 14):

Carville, La. (ACP) – Dr. Robert N. Thompson’s Chiropractic work with lepers in Ethiopia was featured in the May-June issue of the Star, a magazine published by leper patients at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Carville. The article said:

“In four years, since taking charge of the hospital in November of 1953, Dr. Thompson says 118 patients have been discharged symptom-free. There are now somewhat more than 600 patients in the hospital’s in-patient section and 3,000 regular out-patients. The average stay in the hospital is just under three years and the first large dismissal ceremony at the hospital was held Jan. 4, 1958, at which time 61 patients were discharged.

“The medical world will have a difficult time in finding fault with Dr. Thompson’s requirements for a ‘symptom-free’ patient since they are the same as what is said to be the criterion for discharge from Carville: 12 consecutive, monthly, negative microscopic tests.”

1959 (Jan): *ICA International Review* [13(7)] includes:

-“Sponsors of Ethiopian project organizing ‘Operation Bolivia” (pp. 26, 31); photo and discussion of J. Bridgens Johnson, D.C. and work of Glenn Hultgren, D.C. of the Christian Chiropractors Association

1959 (Mar 6): “Annual Board of Directors Meeting...Board Room, C.M.C.C. 252 Bloor St. W., Toronto”:

The meeting was opened by the president, Dr. Greenshields at 7.00 P.M. PRESENT: Drs. Greenshields, Harris, **Thompson**, Morgan, Lewis, Hushley, Trelford, Homewood, S. Hunt, Beasley, Bramham, Lee and Mr. Brooks.

The president welcomed the members of the Board to the annual Meeting and also Mr. L.J. Brooks, our Auditor.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. **Thompson**, seconded by Dr. Langford and carried that the action of the Board of Management in accepting Dr. Young’s resignation and appointing Dr. Morgan in his place be approved...

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD SEPT. 1958:

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Langford, seconded by Dr. Lewis and carried that the minutes of this meeting be approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Willis’ reply to Dr. Greenshields letter; letter to Dr. Thompson re incident in Alberta; original letter received by Dr. Homewood to be shown to Dr. Thompson. Dr. Thompson said he would like permission to look into the changes.

MOTION: Moved by Dr. Clubine, seconded by Dr. Hushley and carried unanimously that this matter be pursued along the lines as asked by Dr. Thompson...

MOTION OF RATIFICATION:

It was moved by Dr. Langford, seconded by Dr. **Thompson** and carried unanimously that all acts, resolutions and transactions carried out by the Board of Management during the past year be endorsed and approved by this Board.

MOTION: Moved by Dr. Morgan, seconded by Dr. **Thompson** and carried that Dr. Robichaud be extended a vote of thanks by this Board for his interest in the College by attending this meeting at his own expense...

1959 (Mar): *ICA International Review* [13(9)] includes:

-photograph (p. 14):



“Dr. Robert N. Thompson, superintendent of an Ethiopian leper colony and ICA “Chiropractor of the year” in 1957, has been touring the U.S. and Canada on a lecture tour since his return to this country. Above, he is talking to student and faculty members at the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic, New York. Dr. Thompson’s latest appearance was as banquet speaker at the ICA’s All-Technique Symposium in Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 22.”

1959 (July): *ICA International Review* [14(1)] includes:

-“Tabloid newspaper started by Canadian chiropractors” (pp. 22-3); includes full page photograph of cover/first page of June 1959 [1(4)] issue of *Chiropractic News*, featuring Robert N. Thompson, D.C. with Ethiopian Emperor Haile Silassie and headline featuring Thompson’s missionary work with lepers in Ethiopia



Chiropractor Feted For His Missionary Work In Ethiopia

Dr. Thompson Named Chiropractor of Year For 16 Years Service In Darkest Africa

A nation-born westerner has come "home" after a 16-year absence, to be feted by his fellow chiropractors May 27th at a special banquet honoring him as Alberta's "Chiropractor of the Year."

Dr. R. N. Thompson, whose accomplishments while serving with the Sudan Interior Mission and the Ethiopian Government are endorsed by an overwhelming desire to serve mankind, will be recognized on this date for his achievements by the Alberta Chiropractic Association.

The banquet will be held in Calgary and, at the same time, chiropractors all over Western Canada will join in to honor a man and his family—in his wife, Dr. Hazel, is also a chiropractor and has five of their seven children in Ethiopia — for their unselfish sacrifice in helping the spiritual and physical distress of suffering mankind in darkest Africa, without monetary reward and for the love of his profession.

Dr. Thompson's unusual mission began in 1943, when he was released from military obligations to answer the call of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia for nurses, doctors and teachers to aid in the rehabilitation of Ethiopia following the Italian occupation.

- In this service, he was:
- Director of Provincial Education;
 - Headmaster of the Haile Selassie Secondary School where most of the children of nobility were educated;
 - Represented the Canadian government on occasion;
 - Served seven diplomatic missions for the Ethiopian Government;
 - Organized nursing in Ethiopia and was Deputy Commissioner of Nursing;
 - Was superintendent of the Shashanese Leprosarium, pioneering in the establishment of this first post-war leprosy ward, where he achieved outstanding results; (between 1953 and 1957, 118 patients were discharged as symptom-free).

Dr. Thompson, whose work has been written up in the International Review of Leprosy as "very encouraging," has other citations which point out that here in our western world, he is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a member of the Canadian and National Geographic Society (geography has been a life-long interest); he



Dr. ROBERT THOMPSON... feted at special banquet

is a member of the Alberta, Canadian, International, British and European Chiropractic Associations. In addition, he is a fellow of the International Chiropractic Association and was, in 1957, selected the I.C.A.'s "Chiropractor of the Year."

And yet, despite all this, Dr. Thompson has remained a quiet, unassuming individual who would much prefer anonymity to public attention.

Dr. Thompson, who has returned to set up in practice in Red Deer, was born in Innisfail, Alta., and obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree from the U. of Alberta. He taught school and, upon graduating from the Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1936,

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Warm personal friendship evolved between Ethiopia's Emperor, Haile Selassie, left, and Dr. R. N. Thompson, who are pictured in front of leprosy ward Dr. Thompson started.

Speakers Available

- Film and speakers are available on a wide variety of topics by contacting the nearest doctor listed here:
- Manitoba—Dr. J. L. Davidson, 844 Somerset Building, Winnipeg;
 - Saskatchewan—Dr. D. E. Sorey, 812 McCullum Hill Building, Regina;
 - Alberta—Edmonton—Dr. H. F. Russell, 10481 10th St., Calgary—Dr. K. E. Nevison, 2027 34th Ave.;
 - B.C.—Dr. Helen Phillips, 1642 West Broadway, Vancouver.

PHOTOGRAPH



From the cover of the August 1961 issue of the *Journal of the Canadian Chiropractic Association*

1961 (June 11-17): "Minutes of meeting of the Council on Education of the NCA" in Las Vegas (Keating et al., 1998):

In attendance

Dr. George H. Haynes, Dean of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, President of the Council

Dr. Robert E. Elliot, President of the Western States Chiropractic College

Dr. Arthur G. Hendricks, President of the Lincoln Chiropractic College

Dr. A. Earl Homewood, President of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College

Dr. R.N. Thompson, New President of Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College

Dr. Joseph Janse, President of the National College of Chiropractic

Dr. Thure Peterson, President of the Chiropractic Institute of New York

Dr. Russell, President of the Texas Chiropractic College

- Dr. Julius Troilo, Dean of Texas Chiropractic College
- Dr. John Wolfe, President of Northwestern College of Chiropractic, Secretary of the Council
- Dr. Walter Wolf, Chairman, Accrediting Committee
- Dr. Francis C. Etheridge, Jr.
- Dr. John Nugent, Director of Education
- Dr. Norman Osborne

1961 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [4(2)] includes:

-“P.S.C. now Palmer College” (pp. 30-1) describes Dave Palmer’s investiture as president of PCC; four photographs, involving Sutherland, Thaxton, Homewood, Robert N. Thompson

1962 (Apr/May): **Journal of the Canadian Chiropractic Association** [6(2)] includes:

-“Research in Hansen’s disease” (pp. 14-5, 17); discusses R.N. Thompson’s work at Sheshemane leprosarium; mentions Christian Chiropractors’ Association

1962 (Mar 2): “President’s Report to the Board of Directors, C.M.C.C. Annual Meeting, Toronto” by R.N. Thompson, D.C. (CMCC Archives):

It has been a pleasure and privilege to come to know more intimately during the past 12 months, the operations of the C.M.C.C., the members of the Board of Management and Board of Directors. There has been opportunity as well to meet with chiropractors and Chiropractic Association Executives in eight of the ten provinces. While I have not been able to spend the amount of time at C.M.C.C. which one would like to, nor has the financial status of the college been such to permit any real marked development, yet I am convinced that much progress has been made. This has not been spectacular simply because it was not advisable to disrupt the status quo by any revolutionary upheaval. Progress is built only on the systematic and constructive application of basic administrative policies, planning and sheer hard work. In the practical outworking of progress it is ever necessary at times to move backward in order to facilitate forward movement later. At least there is a great deal of house cleaning and regrouping of resources to be done before the C.M.C.C. can be expected to get anyplace. We’ve done a lot of both this year.

C.M.C.C. as an educational institution will not just fade out, if a new physical plant is not provided in the immediate future – it is destined to a convulsive death amidst crumbling brick, falling plaster and exploding heating pipes, accompanied by the pleasant lyrics of a quite “snore” harmony from the “Dodo bird” profession. Perhaps it would be better to say to the tune of enticing wails of lustful minds such as those who call brave warriors as Ulysses to their doom.

The outstanding progress of the year has been on the academic side. I am most pleased in our selection of Dr. **D.W. Macmillan as Dean. Finances did not permit his coming in full time** but his ability and dedication have largely made up for this shortcoming. Likewise Dr. Hunt as Registrar and Business Administrator has been able to give his energies directly to the need at hand and the hours he has devoted to college affairs have been long and many. The new additions to the teaching faculty, the necessary retirements and the general re-organization of the academic aspect, has improved our level and quality of instruction. I doubt that there has been a year in C.M.C.C.’s history that has provided so much harmony and understanding between Faculty, Administration and students. The details of the different aspects of the administration will be provided in the reports from the Dean, the Registrar and Business Manager, the Clinic Director and the Public Relations Director. There are a few points I might briefly mention:

Student enrollment – We have reached a new low level. This was inevitable as very little could be done after June to improve it for September. However, enrollment MUST increase this year. It will!

We have instituted a positive program at the college and provincial programs in some instances are most encouraging. To be anywhere near operational solvency we need a minimum of 60 in each new class. However let's not kid ourselves. Student procurement programs, alumni activities, higher faculty standards must be supported by an immediate physical expansion program. The "eye-gate" appeal must be developed if we are to survive. In order to survive or to even justify reason for survival we must have students.

Faculty –

Our faculty are doing a good job – they are doing a yeoman's job if you consider the sacrifice they are making to do it. Without depreciating the standard of instruction which is being maintained it is obvious that if C.M.C.C. is ever to gain academic recognition the level of faculty standards must go up, far and fast. Opportunities for present faculty to raise their academic standards must be provided. New faculty must be added. Prospects for several well qualified instructors are bright. Likewise the attitude of present faculty members toward this objective is positive and commendable.

The salary and tenure agreements have been standardized this year although the recommendations of the Salary and Tenure Committee have to be further studied before implementation. Effective implementation is urgent but cannot reach the desired level until the financial picture improves. We can never expect to have a successful institution if it is to be built on devotion and sacrifice alone – the cold hard facts of life demand a respectable minimum material standard which can be measured only in terms of dollars and cents.

Building Expansion

The **expropriation of college land** and property and the bureaucratic delay in returning the property or for financial settlement has made any type of building expansion impossible. The increasing value of the property is good BUT in my opinion the present property is fast becoming too expensive for us to retain as a college property. It has put us in the position where it is too expensive to move and it is too expensive to stay. As I see the position it is essential to begin a provisional building program now on the Prince Arthur property, the demolition of the original front building facing Bloor and **immediate plans for a new college site in a smaller community** where recognition and accreditation can be better materialized.

The provisional building is within our present financial ability. A high rise building on Bloor is not. A practical building on Prince Arthur will over a 5 year period pay financial dividends, provide essential space for the interval and make possible a true college type development elsewhere within 5 years. The present Bloor property will provide the necessary financing on either a sale or lease basis.

Financial – the financial situation is urgently acute. There is no magic solution. We must salvage what is possible from the Expansion Program, develop our student enrollment and take any other positive steps possible. We cannot expect anyone else to do it for us. It is our responsibility. Whether we live or die depends upon the steps we take. This is the most important decisions to be made at this meeting.

Rather than go into any lengthy discourse it is better that we spend our time in positive constructive discussion of the basic points involved. There is a way out, if we will but find it.

Again may I express my gratefulness to the Board of Directors, the Board of Management and our Executive Administration for their loyalty, co-operation and friendship.

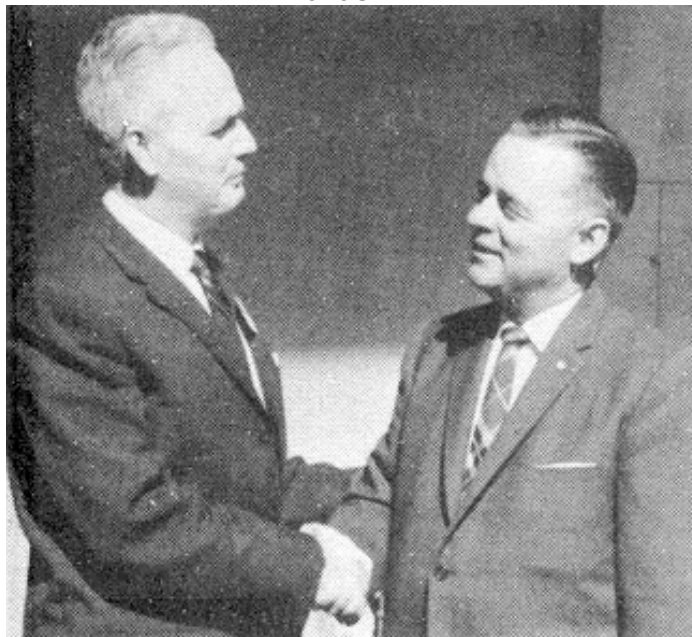
1961 has been a year of consolidation regrouping and planning

1962 will be a year of progress and expansion – if we are determined to make it so. This is the responsibility of each one of us and of our profession in Canada.

R.N. Thompson, D.C.

–“Official Program” for NCA convention in Detroit (pp. 12-9) lists Robert N. Thompson, D.C. and Lyman C. Johnston, D.C. as featured presenters

PHOTOGRAPH



William Harris, D.C. & Robert N. Thompson, D.C., M.P.

1962 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [5(2)] includes:

–“College reports” (p. 35) includes:

It is with a sense of satisfaction and pleasure that I announce the appointment of two of the profession's outstanding men to two of the college's senior positions. These are – Dr. Herbert M. Himes, who has accepted our invitation to become Dean of C.M.C.C., and Dr. Ronald J. Watkins, who will be returning to C.M.C.C. as Clinic Director.

Both of these men are proven, experienced and accomplished in their respective fields of specialization and chiropractic education. C.M.C.C. is indeed fortunate to have acquired their services at this important and critical period of the college's development. Dr. Stanley M. Hunt completes the senior team as he continues his capable contribution as Registrar and Business Administrator.

This past year has been one of strengthening foundations and planning for the future. There have been delays and problems but there has also been great progress. Much credit for this goes to our retiring Dean, Dr. D.W. Macmillan, who stepped in last year to fill the vacancy until permanent appointments could be made.

The complications in regard to property settlement with the Toronto Transit Commission, due to subway construction, have been frustrating. Due to these unforeseen complications we just have not been able to go ahead with building and expansion as expected. However, these difficulties will soon be behind us.

Perhaps the most important single accomplishment has been the presentation to the Royal Commission on Health Services and the research program connected with it. Our profession will appear for the second time before the Royal Commission in Ottawa sometime in October, and the research work being conducted by the Commission staff will not likely be completed until early in 1963. The college is indebted to the Canadian Chiropractic Association for their assistance and for their very excellent submission and presentation to this Commission.

1962 (June): **Journal of the NCA** [32(6)] includes:

1962 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [5(3)] includes:

- Glenn Hultgren, D.C. of Fort Collins CO authors "Christian Chiropractors Assn." (p. 5)
- Fred Woodress authors "Gift announced to the A.B. Hender Foundation" (pp. 32-3); notes that William Harris DC will donate his fortune to A.B. Hender Foundation, of which he and Robert N. Thompson DC, "minority leader of Canada and former chiropractic missionary to Ethiopia as well as President of Canadian memorial College"

1963 (Mar/Apr): **JCanCA** [7(2)] includes:
-photograph (p. 12):

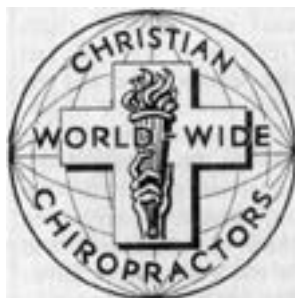


DR. R.N. THOMPSON AT HOMECOMING '63

"Smiling Bob" Thompson was welcomed to C.M.C.C. Homecoming '63 by Dean H.M. Himes, left and Dr. W.F. Trelford, Chairman of the Board of Directors of C.M.C.C., right. Dr. Thompson was re-appointed to the position of President of the Canadian memorial Chiropractic College.

1963 (May/June): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [5(6)] includes:

- Glen Hultgren, D.C., executive secretary of the Christian Chiropractors Association, authors "Christian Chiropractors Assn. in annual convention" (p. 5); includes photograph of CCA logo:



1963 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [6(2)] includes:

- "Christian Chiro. sponsor student" (p. 4)

1964 (Jan 9): "Board of Management Meeting" (CMCC Archives):

A special Meeting was held on Thursday, January 9, 1964, in the Board Room at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College at 252 Bloor St. West, Toronto.

PRESENT: Drs. R. Thompson, W.F. Trelford, D. Viggiani, H.L. Gauthier, H.M. Himes and R.S. Wynn. Mr. Strong and Mr. Chappell.

Mr. Chappell, our solicitor, gave a lengthy report to bring us up to date and asked those who might be called upon as witnesses to become thoroughly acquainted with the 1085 page report of previous evidence.

February 17, 1964, is the date set by Judge McDonagh.

Dr. Trelford, Chairman of the Board, declared a five minute recess.

Dr. H.L. Gauthier – reported that the By-Laws are in the hands of the lawyer, who is doing the legal work and phraseology. If the change of By-Laws goes through, there will be a new representative for Ontario.

The architect has completed the plans for the new building and we are awaiting the TTC settlement before going ahead...

1964 (Feb 22): letter from R.M. Rutherford DC to R.N. Thompson DC (CMCC Archives):

Dr. R.N. Thompson, President
The Social Credit Association of Canada
200 Empire Bldg.,
OTTAWA 4, Ont.

Dear Bob:-

I thought I had better send you a note of explanation re a letter you may be receiving or have received by now from Dr. Robbins, President of **Brandon College**.

A few days ago, I asked Dr. Cece Webb of Brandon his opinion as to whether Brandon College would be interested in a Chiropractic faculty. This topic had been mentioned a year or so ago during their expansion program, and speculation as to when it would become a full "U". As Cece is in close touch there, I wanted his appraisal of present thinking on the subject so I could report to the C.C.A. meetings next month. However, he approached Dr. Robbins directly, discussed the subject and, as a result Dr. Robbins is going to write you for information as to what would be necessary to set up such a faculty. I believe you are acquainted with Dr. Robbins, according to Cece.

As I was going to present Cece's report along with our other enquiries at the meetings so all the provincial efforts in this area of education can be studied and evaluated, I thought I should let you know that considerable information on what has been done may be available. I believe C.C.A. would like to keep all efforts correlated to avoid misunderstanding.

Hope you can make some of the meetings. I trust you and yours are all well and enjoying a good '64.

Sincerely,
cc: Partlow, Morgan, Langford, Trelford.

1964 (Mar 6): "Meeting of the Board of Directors" of CMCC held at Park Plaza Hotel, Bloor Street, Toronto (CMCC Archives):

- Board members present: Drs. W.F. Trelford, A. Grice, C.E. Newman, H.L. Gauthier, L.W. Heard, D.H. Viggiani, R.G. Chadwick, W.O. Morgan, M.A. King, R.M. Rutherford, M.A. Soucy, R.C. Randall, R. Bureau, R. Gitelman, R.S. Wynn
- also attending: Drs. R.N. Thompson, H.M. Himes, R.J. Watkins, R. Partlow, H.K. Lee, Mr. H.L. Strong, Mr. D.A. Nesbitt and Mr. J.S. Burton

-D.C. Sutherland DC report re: University affiliation:

...He pointed out that the college feeling was one way and the practitioner's another. He made three recommendations that the field practitioners and college representatives combine efforts improving status of C.M.C.C. to educators and to the Government.

1964 (Mar 7): "The Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College" (CMCC Archives):

The 20th Annual General Business Meeting of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College was held in the auditorium of the Henderson Building at 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, on Saturday, March 7, 1964.

Dr. W.F. Trelford, President of the Board of Directors presided as Chairman...

REPORTS

COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Dr. R.N. Thompson, M.P. President of the College, briefly talked about what has happened in the past year.

The past year was not spectacular as far as results are concerned; however it was one for the laying of a stronger foundation for the years to come.

The Royal Health Commission has not yet published any definite word. The true value of the Royal Commission is important and what they say about us.

The Public Relations Programme has to continue. It is not what it should be or what it could be. It has increased the status of Chiropractic in Canada.

“Rome was not built in a day.”

“Chiropractic was not built in a day.”

As far as our academic progress is concerned, I think it has moved forward a great deal. I am pleased with the academic tone of our school. If you have taken the time to be around the college you will have seen this.

We have engaged a full time professional Registrar. This is important to us.

Not unlike our Government, we are going into debt year by year, however, there is an end to this trend and while the financial end is bad on the one side, the general property value is good on the other side – with credit that has accumulated, which more than over balances.

Student enrollment has been increased and I am positive as we talk with our Registrar about the number of inquiries, enrollment will be larger.

Two points I would like to dwell on:-

“Progress has been held back and delayed because of property problems regarding expropriation.”

After our last Annual Meeting court was not dismissed two weeks when the Judge passed away; so we were back where we started from. As the present hearings are going on we are in a position for a better deal to-day. This building is finished! Vibration makes it impossible to keep. Damage has been indicated before and has become more evident now. There must be a complete change-over now.

Arbitration is in the 4th week. Carefully and skillfully, our lawyer Mr. Chappell, has been building the case. A few of us went on the witness stand. It was my opportunity to appear on the witness stand.

Initially they were offering –

\$30000 for damage

\$9000 for loss of property, more recently \$75,000.

We are asking for approximately one Million dollars. We will not get what we are asking for, but a settlement will be made to compensate us. I wish that every one of our members could sit in court for one day. Unfortunately not too many availed themselves of this opportunity. If you had, you could understand.

At this point Dr. R.N. Thompson invited a student, Fred Dobson from Dundas, of the Students’ Administrative Council, to give a summary report of what he saw and heard in court yesterday.

Fred Dobson said, “I am honoured to report to you what I saw in court yesterday. Wearing our school jackets, we sat at the back of the courtroom. The court room door opened and in walked Judge Donagh. He smiled and asked who we were? The Judge looked pleased that students were interested to see. I am really impressed with what our lawyer said. Mr. Maze was on the stand giving evidence of piles back of the building. We didn’t think he was too happy.”

Dr. R.N. Thompson continued:-

As soon as settlement is made and we have indication that TTC will not appeal, value of this building increases and the demand for this property has increased – it is possible that before this time next year the physical plan of our new building may very well be under way.

Accreditively – **there is much talk of joining or affiliating with some University.** The prospect for this possibility for Chiropractic is off as far as the Universities of Alberta and Manitoba are concerned.

The article in the Financial Post about chiropractic was a good article. It raises some questions. “What is the position of chiropractic education?” The whole posture as we see it to-day as an educator is:

It is imperative that remedies as to the standards of chiropractic education be raised – this applies to the other professions as well. We must face up to it if we want doctors to teach chiropractic.

The only way is if we train chiropractors in education and academic background. No one can leave a course in the Universities without a Master’s Degree to completion of qualification of that education.

When we go to a University – “What will it do for us?” A chair of chiropractic will produce liabilities and difficulties. It is just wishful thinking that the influence is established accrediting.

Certain basic things have to be met to come. It must come from – affiliation or accreditation are used synonymously – they are not. We are a professional training, not a liberal arts, or general course. Affiliation is where you join with an already established University. How to raise to a certain standard over a four year period and granting a degree that is accepted.

Accreditation – There are two ways –

1. Through being part of an accepted agency
2. As individual, not yourself, as an example of these there is the long process of seven or eight years. We could reach accreditation of that through A.C.E. (We are not members clinging behind, but rather members leading the way) To receive creditation from the American Government. Then we will receive what it conveys because we are members of it. We are far from the alternate.

The other aspect by what we are and what we do. Same as the University of Ethiopia did in 1943 – sent 43 students as high school students to take individual school examinations at Cambridge and Oxford. Carried and past examinations are beginning of acknowledging credits presented and a recognition of high school credits. Some know other approach we can take having credits recognized and use them and build upon them.

“We have to get hold of ourselves by our boot straps and raise ourselves up.” If we are going to reach the academic standard that must be reached, it must be done in one of these ways – there is no short cut!

A B.A. degree and get some institution to recognize it.

The A.C.A. is not moving forward – too many schools are having a tough time of it. Palmer School is going out for own creditation granting a “B.Sc.” degree to achieve accreditation thus raising its standards to get it. They have the size and the money.

Our representation in the American Agency, while is well along the road of accreditation. Money will help getting by a programme. We must increase our standards – our students should show records in the proper way – so far this record looks alright. There is no short cut in time or in standards. In this regard we are making progress. “We have a great deal to be thankful for.” Some of the school are liking to compare themselves. Some are already there. Ph.D’s – this kind of student and this kind of faculty members – we are on the way. Talk this thing in an ultimate way.

-a new building

-Metro settlement.

This is what I see that we have in line challenging us, but not to be so foolish that we can sit back and only wish for it!

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. N. Harris and seconded by Dr. C. Newman and carried that, the College President’s Report be accepted and that Dr. R.N. Thompson be thanked and complimented for his presentation.

-attached is report of H.L. Gauthier DC, chairman of Building Committee:

REPORT FROM BUILDING COMMITTEE

The past year has been one of planning, of action and of waiting. Up to this year, our thinking had been to erect a two and one half story building, (quite similar to the Henderson Building), on the Prince Arthur property. With this building to house the Clinic and Administration and utilizing the Henderson Building for teaching purposes, we felt we would have had ample accommodation to carry on until we were in a favourable position to develop the Bloor St. property and eventually the both projects together.

However, based on statements made under oath at the litigation hearings by engineers and architects, we have learned that the **Henderson Building has been damaged by the sub-way construction** to the extent that these men have declared it unfit and unsafe. This startling news necessitated a complete revision of our planning.

Early in the year we contracted Mr. Abe Wilson of the firm of Wilson and Stanford, who incidentally gave very helpful evidence in our court case, to prepare plans for the Prince Arthur property utilizing the complete coverage under existing City By-Laws. I may point out that the area over the subway cannot be built on due to the vibration interfering with clinical and educational operations.

The plans which you see displayed at the rear of the room are for a seven story structure and covers the maximum allowed square footage at this date. However the footings have been stressed to accommodate 10 stories in the event the existing By-Laws are changed in the future. This building will lend to an efficient operation of Clinic, Administration and Teaching of from 200 to 250 students.

The old buildings on the property have been demolished and the ground is ready to begin excavation.

All we need now is the money. Yes – your money.

Dr. H.L. Gauthier moved the adoption of his report, seconded by Dr. D.J. Armstrong and carried.

RESOLUTION

It was moved by Dr. J.S. DeLaurier, seconded by Dr. P. Doneff and carried unanimously, that – Be it Resolved, that all contracts, proceedings, appointments, payments and other transactions, done and taken by the Board of Directors during the past year be, and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed...

1964 (Mar 8): "Meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College" (CMCC Archives):

A meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors of C.M.C.C. was held in classroom #6 of the Henderson Building, at 252 Bloor Street West, on Sunday, march 8, 1964.

Dr. W.F. Trelford acting as Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Drs. W.F. Trelford, W.O. Morgan, L.W. Heard, R. Chadwick, D. Viggiani, H.L. Gauthier, W.E. Carson, A. Grice, M.A. Soucy, C. Newman, R.C. Randall, I.C. Hough, R.M. Rutherford, R.S. Wynn

ATTENDING: Drs. **R.N. Thompson**, H.M. Himes, R. Watkins, R. Partlow, D.C. Sutherland, M. King, M. Bureau and Mr. D. Nesbitt.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Board of Directors, by proper procedure as outlined in the By-Laws of the Association, elected the following men to their respective positions.

Dr. W.F. Trelford – President of the Board.

Dr. D. Viggiani – Vice President of the Board.

Dr. R.S. Wynn – Secretary-Treasurer of the Board

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. L.W. Heard and seconded by Dr. R.M. Rutherford and carried unanimously that, we re-affirm Dr. R.N. Thompson, M.P. the President of our College...

1964 (May/June): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [6(6)] includes:

-“Christian chiros schedule convention” (p. 47)

1964 (July 16): “Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors” (CMCC Archives):

-Board members present: Trelford, Newman, Carson, Hough, Gitelman, Grice, Gauthier, Viggiani, R.N. Thompson, Wynn

-others attending: Himes, Watkins, Strong, Nesbitt

-**R.N. Thompson** spoke at Columbia Institute of Chiropractic in NYC recently, notes much upgrading

-A.R. Peterson DC employed as advisor and paid \$200 monthly; also:

MOTION: Moved by Dr. E. Carson, seconded by Dr. H. Gauthier, that we appoint a committee charged with exploring and reporting on methods of “up-grading” the qualifications of the teaching staff at CMCC, this report is to be presented at the next meeting of the Board of Governors as the basis for “a plan of action” in this direction. Carried. Opposed – Dr. R. Gitelman...

1964 (July/Aug): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [7(1)] includes:

-“New projects for Christian chiropractors” (p. 44):

One of the highlights of the Christian Chiropractors Association Convention held in Chicago during June of this year, was a new project which included the sponsoring of foreign students in chiropractic colleges. These would be students who desire to return to their home lands as chiropractic missionaries. Included in this would be the possibility of one American Indian.

The next annual convention will be held in Denver, Colorado the third week of June, 1965.

1964 (Sept 3): Report from CMCC General Manager Howard L. Strong to Board of Governors (CMCC Archives):

I note by the letter from Dr. Wynn to Mr. Brooks, that the auditors will be changed. May I suggest the urgency of appointing another auditor immediately as we will be asked by our Bank for a Financial Statement not later than the middle of October. This is a customary procedure for any Bank who is loaning money to an individual or an institution.

Dr. Peterson’s prototype recording instrument in the clinic burned out a motor since the last Board Meeting. The reason I mention this in my report, is that to receive co-operation from an outsider is very difficult on an experimental unit. In this case, we tried several sources to have the motor repaired, but unfortunately none could be found. It was necessary for me to refer to Jack Goodwin and ask him again to try and do something for us in the way of repairs. Mr. Goodwin very graciously offered his services in spite of the treatment he received from the President of the O.C.A. Th motor has now been rewound and the instrument is now back in working order.

Over the past two years I have had several members of the Association ask me both in connection with the College and with the Fundraising, why we do not use film of the operation of chiropractic and CMCC. During the month of July I had two interviews with ‘reuland productions.’ From two interviews, the following offer was made. They would suggest a 13 minute film, black and white, 16 mm film with synchronization of sound, and sound effects, music and optionals where necessary. Price \$5,600.

This film would be taken on the college premises and the actors would be students and members of the staff. It is also suggested that Dr. **Thompson** would be the narrator. I am not suggesting that we go into the production of a film, I am only reporting an investigation...

1964 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [7(3)] includes:

-“Christian Chiros Assn. is tax exempt” (p. 4)

-half-page ad for Christian Chiropractors Association (p. 25)

1965 (Oct/Nov): **JCCA** [9(5)] includes:

-list of officers and administrators of the CMCC (p. 2):

Board of Directors

President of the Board, W.F. Trelford, D.C., Vineland ON
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 Secretary-Treasurer, H.L. Gauthier, D.C., Toronto

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Executive Personnel

College President, **Robert N. Thompson**, B.Sc., D.C., F.I.C.C., M.P.
 Dean, Herbert M. Himes, D.C., Ph.C., F.I.C.C.
 General Manager, Mr. Howard Strong
 Clinic Director, Ronald J. Watkins, D.C., F.I.C.C., C.C.R.
 Registrar, Mr. D.A. Nesbitt
 Association Representative, Donald C. Sutherland, D.C., F.I.C.C.,
 Executive Secretary

1965 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [8(3)] includes:

-Glenn M. Hultgren, D.C. of Fort Collins CO authors "My oldest patient is one hundred and two" (p. 58); includes photo of patient George Roberts

1967 (Nov): **ACA Journal of Chiropractic** [4(11)] includes:

-D.R. Meyer, D.C., ACA state delegate, authors "Indiana" (p. 58) notes Robert N. Thompson, D.C., M.P.'s presentation at the Indiana State Chiropractic Association's annual convention

1969 (Feb 25): letter from Don Sutherland DC at 1900 Bayview to **Robert N. Thompson** DC, MP in Ottawa (CMCC Archives):

Dear Bob:

I note in Hansard of Wednesday, January 22nd that on page 4618 Dr. Rynard asks Mr. Munro for a copy of the report of the Advisory Committee on the safety of drugs. Mr. Munro stated that he would table the report in the House. Would it be possible Bob for us to obtain a copy of that report? I am not sure whether such reports, when tabled in the House, become available to the public. If not then don't worry about it but if it is possible to obtain a copy I feel we should add it to our files.

Plans are moving ahead quickly for the opening on March 8th. Several college heads and officers from the United States plan to be here. **Fred Clubine** has agreed to accept the chairmanship of the college Board of Directors if this meets with the approval of other members of our board. This is to resolve the problem which developed during the election last November. **At that time no chairman was chosen so a committee has been working** on the problem since that date.

We would like to have you bring greetings from Ottawa at the opening ceremony and we are also asking Mr. Kaplan and the

Honourable Stanley Randall who is the local provincial member, to say a few words. We have obtained the approval of the CNIB to use their parking lot on that Saturday afternoon and I understand about 150 spaces are available. We will have student parking guides to see that there is as little confusion as possible.

I have a letter from Mr. Munro's assistant stating that the Minister will be happy to see me the next time I come to Ottawa. The enclosed letter had been sent to him earlier and I felt you should have a copy of it.

Yours sincerely,...
 cc: L.R.W. Hamilton, D.C.

1969 (Mar 8; Saturday, 2PM): "Dedication" program for new campus (CMCC Archives):

-lists Board of Directors (all are chiropractors):

A.D. Bennett, Toronto	P. Martin, Hamilton
M. Bonvouloir, Montreal	A.D. Moore, Oakville, <i>Chairman</i>
D.A. Churchill, Dundas, Ont.	R.A. Oswald, Stoney Creek
J.S. DeLaurier, Stouffville, Ont.	D.M. Proudlock, Edmonton
G.L. Ferguson, Winnipeg	J.D. Rennicks, Toronto
N.W. Grizzle, Toronto	G.G. Reynolds, Port Alberni, B.C.
L.R.W. Hamilton, Regina	F. Soloduka, Toronto

-"Administrative Staff": A.E. Homewood, D.C., *President*; H.J. Vear, D.C., *Dean*; Donald C. Sutherland, D.C., *Executive Secretary*; J. Tolfree, D.C., *Registrar*

-guest speaker is John Fisher, M.A., LL.D., ACA Director of Education

PHOTOGRAPH



President A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B. & former President Robert N. Thompson, D.C. (M.P.) during 1969 dedication ceremonies of new campus for CMCC at 1900 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

1969 (Mar/Apr): **JCCA** [13(1)] includes:

-"Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College dedication ceremony honours pioneers"; John A. Fisher, Director of Education for ACA, is speaker; photo of Homewood & **R.N. Thompson** DC, MP (pp. 3-6)

1969 (Dec 6): memo from former CMCC president Homewood to CMCC Board of Directors & Senate (CMCC Archives):

It has come to my attention that the claim was circulated, maliciously or negligently, that I had kept a letter from Dr. F.C. Peters, President of **Waterloo Lutheran University**, unanswered for an extended period of time and was opposed to investigating some form of affiliation with W.L.U. This is merely one example of some staff members circulating stories without first obtaining the facts.

Dr. Peters' letter is dated Oct 20/69 and an answer was in the process of formulation with four pages and 0 points on paper, while preparing for the annual meeting and conducting business as usual. Dr. **R.N. Thompson** had informed me in the summer that there was an interest and recommended that the first approach should be made by Don Sutherland to his counterpart at W.L.U. This was brought to Don's attention upon his return from holidays. He went to Waterloo on Mon., Sept. 29 and Dr. Peters visited C.M.C.C. on Tues. Sept. 30 and followed up with his letter on Oct. 20th. A return visit was arranged for Don, Herb and Jack fro Nov. 7th and, apparently, every effort made to keep me from learning of this visit, since it is reported that I might "sabotage" the effort, but it leaked out.

It happened that Dr. Dave Larder and Father Postma, Pres. And Assistant of **Notre Dame U.** of nelson, B.C., were scheduled for a visit to C.M.C.C. on Nov. 7th anyway.

Now, let's get the record straight as to my attitude toward university association for C.M.C.C.:-

- 1) I am enthusiastically for the prestige, transfer of credits and, especially, the financial grants and subsidization;
- 2) In the light of the history of the eclectics, homeopaths and osteopaths I would be cautious about adding C.M.C.C.'s assets to the common pot of a university, since they could never be recovered;
- 3) I do not worship at the shrine of any university, nor believe that all brains reside in an university;
- 4) Most of the teaching at C.M.C.C. is equal to the average in university;
- 5) An extended course without extended privileges at a time when many more Ds. C. are required could well mitigate against enrolment, especially, at a time when the course for the M.D. is being shortened without losing face;
- 6) Failure of the chiropractic course by holders of baccalaureate degrees has not been uncommon, thus university education is not necessarily an assurance of success in college or practice.

Therefore, with many additional thoughts, I am interested in enthusiastically exploring the possibilities of an association that would provide the benefits, but safeguard the future of Canadian chiropractic education. Let us not take the same road, or another of our own making, to hell and oblivion that has been trod by others. Prestige for present practitioners may be bought at the expense of loss of another healing art.

By all means, let investigation continue and an attempt be made, but with due caution.

1971 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [14(2)] includes:

-“Dr. Robert H. Thompson joins Clinic Masters organization” (p. 64):

Robert N. Thompson, D.C., M.P., has joined Clinic Masters, Inc., a practice consultant firm of Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the capacity of consultant.

For the past ten years Dr. Thompson has rendered a unique and valuable service to the chiropractic profession. He has served as president of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. As a Member of Parliament in Ottawa, he has been vital in influencing and developing favorable legislation in the areas of health and Medicare. He has always willingly given a helping hand to local, provincial and federal associations.

“Because I have observed so many doctors who are being helped,” said Dr. Thompson, “I am convinced that the professional management services of Clinic Masters will assist chiropractors in moving to increased success in the extension and improvements of their practices.” Dr. Thompson will assist and counsel Clinic Masters in its services to the chiropractic profession, and will be available to assist clients with individual and specific problems. He will be present at Clinic Masters explanation meetings scheduled for the fall and winter in Canada.



Dr. Robert N. Thompson

1973 (Nov/Dec): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [16(3)] includes:

-advertisement for “Caribbean Cruise Seminar” features former CMCC president Robert N. Thompson (p. 85)

Table 3-??: Leadership of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College during its first four decades (Kennedy, 1985)

Period	Chairman of the Board	President	Dean
1945-46	John S. Clubine, D.C.	John S. Clubine, D.C.	John S. Clubine, D.C.
1946-47	Walter T. Sturdy, D.C.	Walter T. Sturdy, D.C.	John S. Clubine, D.C.
1947-51	S.F. Sommacal, D.C.	S.F. Sommacal, D.C.	Rudy O. Müller, D.C., Ph.C.
1951-53	G.H. Young, D.C.	G.H. Young, D.C.	Rudy O. Müller, D.C., Ph.C.
1954-56	?	J.A. Price, D.C.	?
1956-57	Fred L. Clubine, D.C.	Fred L. Clubine, D.C.	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.
1957-58	C.A. Greenshields, D.C.	C.A. Greenshields, D.C.	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.
1959-60	?	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.
1961-62	?	R.N. Thompson, D.C.	?
1962-63	N. Harris, D.C.	N. Harris, D.C.	D.W. MacMillan, D.C.
1963-64	R.N. Thompson, D.C.	?	Herbert M Himes, D.C.
1964-65	W.F. Trelford, D.C.	?	Herbert M Himes, D.C.
1965-66	W.F. Trelford, D.C.	R.N. Thompson, D.C.	Herbert M Himes, D.C.

1966-67	D.H. Viggiani	A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B.	R.J. Watkins, D.C., Ph.C.
1967-68	Howard L. Gauthier, D.C.	A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B.	A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B.
1969-70	Fred L. Clubine, D.C.	A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B.	Herbert J. Vear, D.C.
1971-72	Fred L. Clubine, D.C.	?	Herbert J. Vear, D.C.
1972-73	David A. Churchill, D.C.	?	Herbert J. Vear, D.C.
1974-76	W.S. Baird, D.C.	?	Herbert J. Vear, D.C.
1977-78	D.I. West, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	?
1979-80	J.G. Cochrane, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.
1981-82	R. Luck, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.
1982-83	R. Luck, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.
1983-84	Douglas M. Brown, D.C.	Ian D. Coulter, Ph.D.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.
1984-85	Douglas M. Brown, D.C.	Ian D. Coulter, Ph.D.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.

Table 14-8: Leadership of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College during its first four decades (Kennedy, 1985; Moss, 1996; Vear, 1996)

Period	Chairman of the Board	President	Dean
1945-46	John S. Clubine, D.C.	John S. Clubine, D.C.	John S. Clubine, D.C.
1946-47	Walter T. Sturdy, D.C.	Walter T. Sturdy, D.C.	John S. Clubine, D.C.
1947-51	S.F. Sommacal, D.C.	S.F. Sommacal, D.C.	Rudy O. Müller, D.C., Ph.C.
1951-53	Keith Kennedy, D.C.	Keith Kennedy, D.C.	Rudy O. Müller, D.C., Ph.C.
1953-54	G.H. Young, D.C.	G.H. Young, D.C.	Rudy O. Müller, D.C., Ph.C.
1954-55	James A. Price, D.C.	James A. Price, D.C.	Major Colbeck
1955-56	James A. Price, D.C.	James A. Price, D.C.	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.
1956-57	Fred L. Clubine, D.C.	Fred L. Clubine, D.C.	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.
1957-58	Colin A. Greenshields, D.C.	Colin A. Greenshields, D.C.	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.
1959-61	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.	A. Earl Homewood, D.P.T., D.C., N.D.
1961	R.N. Thompson, D.C.	R.N. Thompson, D.C.	D.W. MacMillan, D.C.
1962-63	Neil Harris, D.C.	Neil Harris, D.C.	D.W. MacMillan, D.C.
1963-66	W.F. Trelford, D.C.	W.E. Trelford, D.C.	Herbert Marshall Himes, D.C.
1966-67	Donald H. Viggiani	A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B.	Ronald J. Watkins, D.C., Ph.C.
1967-68	Howard L. Gauthier, D.C.	A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B.	A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B.
1969-70	Fred L. Clubine, D.C.	A. Earl Homewood, D.C., N.D., LL.B.	Herbert J. Vear, D.C.
1970-72	Fred L. Clubine, D.C.	Fred L. Clubine, D.C.	Herbert J. Vear, D.C.
1972-73	David A. Churchill, D.C.	David A. Churchill, D.C.	Herbert J. Vear, D.C.
1973-76	William S. Baird, D.C.	William S. Baird, D.C.	Herbert J. Vear, D.C.
1976	David I. West, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	Tom Maxwell, D.C.
1976-77	David I. West, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.
1977-78	David I. West, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	Terry Watkins
1978-80	J.G. Cochrane, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.
1980-82	Richard Luck, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.
1982-83	Douglas M. Brown, D.C.	Donald C. Sutherland, D.C.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.
1983-84	Douglas M. Brown, D.C.	Ian D. Coulter, Ph.D.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.
1984-85	Leonard Cunningham, D.C.	Ian D. Coulter, Ph.D.	Alan H. Adams, D.C.

PHOTOGRAPH



Robert N. Thompson, D.C. (left) and Hazel Thompson, D.C. with unknown man, c1990

1998 (Jan 1): *Dynamic Chiropractic* [16(1)] includes:
 -Glen Hultgren, D.C., Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Christian Chiropractors Association in Ft. Collins CO, authors

“Moment of silence for the remarkable Robert Thompson, D.C., Ph.C.” (p. 24):

One of the original members of the Christian Chiropractors Association, Dr. **Robert N. Thompson** of Langley, British Columbia, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 16, 1997 after a lengthy illness.

Dr. Thompson was born May 17, 1914 on a farm in Innisfail, Alberta. From his humble beginnings as a rural school teacher, he dedicated himself to the service of God.

He graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1939, and married one of his instructors, Dr. Hazel Kurth. He went into chiropractic practice in Alberta. When WWII broke out, Dr. Thompson joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and became a flight instructor, rising to the rank of colonel.

In 1943, with the freeing of Ethiopia from the fascist occupation, the allied high command appointed Dr. Thompson to head a delegation to Ethiopia to help rebuild that war torn country. At the same time, the Thompsons had applied to the Sudan interior mission to go to Ethiopia as missionaries. Drs. Bob and Hazel Thompson and their two young daughters arrived in Ethiopia, and Dr. Thompson began his service to Emperor Haile Selassie.

Dr. Thompson commanded the Imperial Ethiopian Air Force, and trained its first pilots. After the war, he continued on with the government as deputy minister of education, helping to establish the Ethiopian educational system. He also served as an advisor in foreign affairs to Haile Selassie, with special assignments to India, the Sudan, Nigeria, Canada, and the U.S. He was instrumental in helping establish the Organization of African States. As a confidant to the emperor, he was awarded the star of Ethiopia, and the rank of grand officer.

In 1948, he went into full-time mission work with the Sudan Interior Mission, and in 1951, was assigned as director of the Southern Leprosarium in Sheshemane, Ethiopia.

In 1953, Dr. Thompson returned to the U.S. He was asked to speak at the Palmer homecoming (known as the lyceum at the time). He challenged the profession to provide him with some chiropractic equipment to do basic research on the effects of chiropractic on leprosy. The Christian students at Palmer took up the challenge and raised enough money to buy two truck loads of equipment to send to Ethiopia. This effort was the start of what became known as the Christian Chiropractors Association (CCA).

Two of Dr. Thompson's Ethiopian assistants, Mulatu Baffa, and Beyenne Mulatu, came to the U.S. under the sponsorship of the CCA to study chiropractic, and returned to Ethiopia in 1960 as Africa's first chiropractors.

Because of the ill health of a number of the Thompson children, five of whom were born in Ethiopia, the Thompsons returned to Canada in 1958. Dr. Thompson gravitated toward politics, and in the early '60s was a member of the Canadian Parliament, where he was a third-party leader that controlled the balance of power in that house.

In the late '60s, Dr. Thompson was elected president of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College.

In 1972, the Thompson family moved to Fort Langely, British Columbia, and Dr. Bob began teaching at Trinity Western University. He was frequently called upon by his own government and by the United Nations to serve as mediator in foreign wars, counselor to foreign governments, and delegation leader in such countries as Nigeria, Zaire, China, and Vietnam. In those years, he made dozens of trips overseas to help bring peace and harmony to many troubled peoples.

His wife of 53 years, Dr. Hazel Thompson, died in 1992. He later married a former missionary co-worker widow, Evelyn May Brandt, who survives him, along with seven of his eight children.

Dr. Thompson will be missed by thousands of friends in his home country of Canada, in the U.S., in Ethiopia, and around the world.

His funeral was held Sat. Nov. 22 at Trinity University, with Dr. Franklin Graham presiding.

A memorial fund has been established through the CCA for Dr. Thompson to be used toward paying the mortgage for the new CCA building.

2000 (June 5): letter from William M. Harris DC (in my Harris file):
Dear Dr. Keating:

In regard to your letter of May 30, Robert Thompson and I were in class at Palmer College. His wife-to-be, Hazel Kurth, and my wife-to-be, Joan Allen, were very close friends in the X-Ray department, where they worked. We had several double dates.

When Robert finished college he received a commission as special aide in the work with Emperor Haile Selassie. Dr. Thompson and his wife went to Ethiopia and while there, at the encouragement of the Emperor, he opened a large clinic to benefit lepers. He was instrumental in encouraging a minimum of 3-5 students from Ethiopia to enter Palmer College and to graduate and go back to practice. The success that was achieved with leprosy was very encouraging and the students continued his clinic there. Dr. Thompson was a missionary and later the Director of Education for Ethiopia. I would estimate that they lived there for approximately 20 years.

Upon his return to North America, Dr. Thompson was elected to the minority leadership on the Canadian parliament. Following this

he became president of Canadian Memorial College. During this period he visited with me at my home in Albany, Georgia, and showed me where he had **lost a thumb from leprosy**. I asked him if he would serve as a Board member of the A.B. Hender Foundation, a fore-runner of the present day Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education. He accepted, but was never formally inducted. I arranged, too, to have him address a meeting of the Georgia Chiropractic Association.

As I recall, Dr. and Mrs. Thompson had six children. I do not know the paths the children have taken, and I believe Hazel has since passed away.

Dr. Thompson was active in all political affairs at Palmer College and he had an intense desire for public service, which he fulfilled with tremendous success. He desired to make the world a better place because he had a space on it.

I would be honored to critique the manuscript concerning NCMIC.

Sincerely,...

2004 (Feb 19): e-mail from Glenn Hultgren, D.C. (gmhultgren@bigplanet.com):

Dear Joe,

Word has gotten to me that you have written something about Dr. Robert N. Thompson losing a finger to leprosy while serving in the leprosarium in Ethiopia. I believe you quoted Dr. William Harris. This is totally wrong and I wrote to Bob's daughter to be certain of it. Here is her reply:

"I did find about the loss of Dad's finger. Dad had bought a generator from the Mayor of Shashemene for the Leporsarium. He told the young men with him not to do anything until he told him. I guess Dad said something and the young man thought it was time to start the generator up. That was when he had his finger cut off at the first digit. This happen at night because the guard was sent to get the nurses to come and help (Mary Alice Smith , Peggy MacMillan and Avis Chennel) Mother was not to know about this accident right then. Peggy MacMillan was the only one willing to assist. She used antiseptic wash to cleanse the wound and made a covering with the skin as a flap. This healed very well. This information was given to me by Peggy MacMillan . I called her last night on the telephone to find out the story. Peggy worked at the Leporsarium for a few years(I am not sure for how long) Dad never did loose a finger to leprosy."

Joe I hope you can correct this error. It implies he was not careful with his treatment of leper patients, which I know he was, because many times told me how he always washed his hands in alcohol when working with leprosy.

Thanks again for everything, Glenn

2000 (June 20): letter from William M. Harris DC (in my Harris file):

Dear Dr. Keating:

Thank you for sending the picture of Bob Thompson. In addition to my other information, Bob was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, but to the best of my memory, he never served overseas.

Dr. A.B. Hender was the first medical doctor in Davenport to become a chiropractor. He came on the staff of Palmer College. He had two sons, also chiropractors, and two grandchildren. One of his sons, Dr. Herb Hender, was the Dean of Palmer College and also the director of the Clearview Sanatorium, a place for many ill patients. It functioned for approximately 50 years in Davenport.

Dr. A.B. Hender and I became firm friends, and at his passing I resolved that I would have a non-profit foundation and I received approval from his family to use his name. The A.B. Hender Foundation succeeded for two or three years and the money was distributed to needy students through H.C. Hender.

It became apparent that the first foundation had weaknesses in its charter. No student ever repaid single loan, so in time the concept

was changed to the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education, with broader guidelines.

Thank you for what you do to keep the history of chiropractic straight for the profession. I appreciate your talent.

Sincerely,...

2001 (May 5): letter from Glenn M. Hultgren DC at 126 West Harvard Avenue, Ft. Collins CO 80525:

Dear Dr. Keating,

Thank you for the material you sent to me a couple weeks ago re: a piece of history that you are doing on Dr. Robert N. Thompson's life and his position in the history of Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College.

I was gone for a week and since coming home I have been trying to locate someone who could give you some more exact information than I can. I am trying to make contact with two of his daughters. The oldest, Grace Brunner, lives in Red Deer Alberta and his second, Alice Miller lives in Ottawa. I should have their addresses and/or telephone numbers in a few days. As you know, four of his five boys had fractured X chromosome syndrome, which is a genetic disease carried by the mother and passed to her sons and causing mental retardation. Bob did not know what kind of a problem his boys had until shortly before he died when Alice also had a boy with the same problem and had genetic testing done to find out what it was. One of his sons has died, three with the problem are living in Fort Langley, B.C. and with some assistance are taking care of themselves. The other son, Paul, has been estranged from his parents and lives in Texas. He is normal and has a very good position with a computer technology company.

I read your paper and was very pleased with it. I have just a couple of items which I felt I should interject. On page three you said Bob spoke at Palmer Lyceum in 1957 which may have been true as that was the year I nominated him for I.C.A. Chiropractor of the Year and he was immensely pleased with that award. With all of the medals and awards he received in his lifetime, that surely was one of the most inconspicuous, but it greatly pleased him. It was in 1953 that he came to Lyceum while I was a student, and presented the challenge of sending chiropractic, X-Ray and laboratory equipment to Ethiopia, as he had just been appointed head of the Sudan Interior Mission Sheshemane Leprosarium and he wanted to see what he could do with chiropractic in the treatment of leprosy. It was as a result of that speech that he and Dr. Mattie Carswell Stephens of Thomaston, Georgia, who as a classmate of Dr. Hazel Thompson, and I met and decided to challenge the Christians in the profession to spearhead this project. Funds were raised from all over the country and channeled through the I.C.A. and two truck loads of equipment were sent to Sheshemane. It was this project that was the catalyst for the formation of the Christian Chiropractors Association in August 1953.

Hazel also had a great part in Bob's Ethiopian work – I have just returned from Ethiopia after a brief visit there and was reminded of this story – Hazel carried three flats, nine dozen, fertile Rhode Island Red chicken eggs on her lap on the airplane when they returned in 1953 and started a program of upgrading the chicken population in Ethiopia and on my trip I now saw Rhode Island Red chickens all over Ethiopia. As I started to say Bob's work in Sheshemane was so successful – training Ethiopian nurses and midwives, caring for thousands of leper patients, medically, surgically, physically by providing food and housing for them as well as spiritually – establishing their own church, where I spoke to 300 lepers in 1968 and I saw that church still in operation when I was there a few weeks ago. Two of the young men who Bob trained as nurses and hospital attendants were later brought to the U.S. by the Christian Chiropractors Association and sponsored through Palmer School, returning to Ethiopia in 1960 as Africa's first native Doctors of Chiropractic. Both have now retired but both made a tremendous mark on their country as well as suffered heavy, severe persecution during the Communist days.

Another thing Bob did was to develop a technique (surgically) of transplanting a tendon from the plantar surface of the foot to the dorsal surface on leper patients. In many patients they were crippled because the plantar ligament ??? was paralyzed and with Bob's procedure, they were able to walk again. He began to teach this technique to other surgeons throughout Africa and that is when Bob got in trouble. Through pressure from the Head office of the S.I.M. in New York, which was under pressure from the A.M.A., Bob was asked to leave Africa and take a position with the S.I.M. in Australia. Bob told them that God had not called him to Australia and so he resigned from the mission and returned to Canada in 1958.

At that time I coordinated an 18 month speaking tour for him all over Canada and the U.S. He was a tremendous speaker and spoke as many as five times a day to service clubs, political gatherings, churches and chiropractic groups. I have copies of several of these messages and everywhere he went he was a tremendous hit. It was with this as a base that he went into Canadian politics and was elected to Parliament. During that time he became involved with C.M.C.C. and after his time in Parliament he became its president.

Two errors which I had in my previous correspondence which I wish to correct. **Bob was born in Duluth, Minnesota and not Alberta.** His parents emigrated to Canada shortly after his birth and homesteaded in Alberta, where he grew up and where he always called home. In at least one place **I said he was born in 1913 and should be 1914.** I am going to enclose copies of a eulogy and the program which I got at his funeral. This may give more of a glimpse into the life of the man, outside of his chiropractic career. He was a man of so many "hats" that you cannot put him into any one box.

In spite of all the success which Bob had in politics, education, chiropractic, missions and diplomacy, Bob died a virtual pauper. He gave away everything he ever received. He sponsored several Ethiopian students in College in the U.S. and Canada, he was always assisting someone in a project or program. He lived very frugally and never accepted anything for himself. He made arrangements for his mentally retarded sons to be cared for after his passing but did not have any money to leave them and rather taught them how to do menial tasks to take care of their own needs. He shook the hands of world leaders small and great, received acclaim from leaders in many countries, brought peace to several warring nations, mediated the Biafran War in Nigeria in 1969 and a civil war in Congo in 1970, paved the way for President Nixon to visit China in 1971 and worked for the end of the Viet Nam war in 1973. Most of this was never published or brought to light because Bob did not want that done. He received no pay for these efforts but acted on behalf of his Government and that of the U.N.

There is much more I could say, but I do not know if it would be of interest to your book on C.M.C.C. Thanks again for your letter and the good work you are doing.

Sincerely,...

2001 (May 29): telephone call from Larry Allen DC:

-Dr. Allen graduated PSC in 1939; Robert Thompson was classmate, knew his wife Hazel as well

-Allen also recalls Dave & Agnes Palmer as classmates, also John B. Wolfe DC

-Allen was also friend of Lyman Johnston, developed a derivative of Johnston's posturometer, Allen's "Structural Stress Analyzer"

-was active in pre-employment screening programs thru Palmer's postgrad division

2001 (May 30): e-mail from Herb Vear DC:

Joe:

The following will help explain my tardiness in not getting to work on CMCC History faster. Before that, today I had a call from Mrs. Grace Brunner, daughter of Robert Thompson, who we met in Yuma. I had sent her the draft you gave me about her father, and she was so thrilled to have it. I told her that at some time in the future I

would like to do a biography with you for publication. She will cooperate in any way possible. In the meantime she is sending me additional photos of her father professionally scanned which I will share with you. Please send me another copy of that paper or if you wish via e-mail. I spent the best part of the past two days sorting my CMCC files, which somehow became very confusing.
Herb

2001 (June 9): interview with Glenn Hultgren DC, executive director of Christian Chiropractors Association (CCA), in Fort Collins CO:

- Dr. H born 12/27/32, graduated from PSC in 1955, other students included Donald Kern, Jerry McAndrews, Sid Williams, John Miller, Glenn Stillwagon, Vernon Pierce
- Robert N. Thompson DC addressed 1953 PSC lyceum at BJ's invitation
- Mattie Carswell Stevens DC was classmate of Hazel Thompson DC
- Dr. Stevens challenged students at 1953 lyceum to support Ethiopian mission; students raised \$10K
- Thompson, Stevens & Hultgren drew up bylaws for CCA; \$10 annual dues for DCs, \$2 dues for students
- 1956: Glenn practiced in ND, raised dollars for CCA; met G.G. Wood DC
- 1957: two Ethiopian students enrolled at PSC
- Henry Esch DC was early member of CCA; Glenn knows Lelia Schlabach DC

2001 (June 21): letter from Bill Harris:

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter. It is good to know that you are now a homeowner.

Dr. Robert Thompson was a friend at Palmer College. We were there when he married Hazel Kurth. In fact, he and I used to double date (me with my future wife, also.)

After leaving school he joined the Canadian Air Force, then felt that he was called to Ethiopia as a missionary. He became the personal emissary of Emperor Haile Sellassie, and worked there, developing many treatments for leprosy. He encouraged many Ethiopians to study at Palmer.

Upon returning to the United States, he came to visit with me at my home in Albany, Georgia. Then he decided to run for political office in Canada, and won. He became president of the Canadian Chiropractic Memorial Hospital [sic]. He had an outstanding record of public service throughout his illustrious career.

Congratulations on your decision to become a free lance writer. May I encourage you to contact all of your friends letting them know, and telling them that you would welcome their ideas and support. Although I would like to assist you in your work, because of a new business venture, I will not have the time to critique your papers.

Do keep in touch. I wish you every success in your chosen career.

Sincerely,...

WMH/jsg

2001 (July 1): e-mail from Glenn M. Hultgren DC (gmhultgren@bigplanet.com):

Dear Joe,

I finally got Alice's address (Bob Thompson's daughter). It is:

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I talked to Alice and told her you were trying to get in touch with her. She said she would be happy to talk to you and do whatever she could to help you in your project.

Alice is a graduate X-Ray Technician from C.M.C.C.

Glenn M. Hultgren

2001 (Aug 31): e-mail from Grace Brunner, R.N. Thompson's daughter (gbrunner@oanet.com):

Dear Sir:

Accept my apology in not answering your letter of June 2. Only yesterday I was connected to the internet so must be prompt in reply.

I wish I could share the information you asked for, unfortunately those particular items all went to Thompson Archives at Trinity Western University in Langley B.C. I could probably get copies of the documents but that would take time, perhaps Dr Glen who was a personal friend of Dad's might be able to help. It is very unfortunate that Dad requested that his documents be placed there. I sent a copy of one of Dad's books Liberation-The First to be Freed to Dr Vear, so perhaps he can share the info he has gathered. My step mother (I call Mother) lives in Abbotsford B.C. but I pretty sure she has very little to help, but perhaps if you wish to Email her address is EvThompson@telus.net. It has been a pleasure to have this little visit. I count it an honor to meet special people like yourself and Dr Vear.

Sincerely yours (Mrs.) Grace Brunner

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